

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 1, 16, and 25 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 16-19, and 25-35 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-7, 9, 16, 17, 19, 25-27, 29, 30, 32, 33, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,253,243 B1 issued to Spencer.

Claim 1, as amended, recites the following:

detecting alert events on a client using a platform independent agent integrated with said client;
reporting detected alert events by said platform independent agent to a remote alert proxy in a platform independent manner complemented by a platform type;
obtaining an identifier from the reported detected alert events;
mapping the identifier to a representation of a specific platform type; and
translating said reported alert events to platform specific alert events via said alert proxy by referring to a specific section of an event description file using the mapped representation.

Claims 16, 25, 27, 29, and 32 recite similar limitations. Spencer discloses a system for an automated trap control for a distributed network management system. Spencer does not disclose obtaining an identifier from the reported detected alert events, mapping the identifier to a representation of a specific platform type, and translating said reported alert events to platform specific alert events by referring to a specific section of an event description file using the mapped representation. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 32 are not anticipated by Spencer.

Claims 2-9, 17-19, 26, 28, 30-31, and 33-35 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of

their own. Therefore, Applicants submit that Spencer does not anticipate claims 2-9, 17-19, 26, 28, 30-31, and 33-35 for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 8, 18, 28, 31, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,253,243 B1 issued to Spencer in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,689,708 A issued to Regnier et al.

As discussed above, Spencer does not disclose obtaining an identifier from the reported detected alert events, mapping the identifier to a representation of a specific platform type, and translating said reported alert events to platform specific alert events by referring to a specific section of an event description file using the mapped representation. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 1, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 32 are patentable over Spencer.

Regnier discloses a resource manager in a client/server computer network that controls the availability of system resources. Regnier does not disclose obtaining an identifier from the reported detected alert events, mapping the identifier to a representation of a specific platform type, and translating said reported alert events to platform specific alert events by referring to a specific section of an event description file using the mapped representation. Therefore, Regnier does not cure the deficiencies of Spencer. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 16, 25, 27, 29, and 32 are patentable over Spencer and Regnier.

Claims 2-9, 17-19, 26, 28, 30-31, and 33-35 are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claim in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 2-9, 17-19, 26, 28, 30-31, and 33-35 are patentable over Spencer and Regnier for at least the reasons set forth above.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 16-19, and 25-35 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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